

# Summary of Trends

The table below summarizes results in this year's indicator report. Note that four of eight indicators show no overall trend. That occurs for two reasons. First, several indicators lack long-term data, and so no long-term trends could be discerned. Over time, this should diminish. Second, some goals contain indicators that together present a mixed picture; thus, no overall trend is apparent.

**Conserve** agricultural lands and rural areas; protect and enhance the quality of the natural environment

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no clear trend

## *The bottom line:*

- Redmond's air is healthy. 👍
- Citizens continue to conserve water and recycle used materials. 👍
- Policies aiming to focus growth in urban areas are succeeding. 👍
- Redmond's surface water is polluted. 📉
- Salmon runs have been declining regionally for decades. 📉

## *Suggested actions:*

- Continue to participate in WRIA 8 salmon conservation planning.
- Continue to develop methods for abating stream pollution.
- Continue to ask the hard questions in order to identify problems and seek results.

Retain and enhance Redmond's distinctive **character** and high quality of life, including an abundance of parks, open space, good schools and recreational facilities

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no clear trend

## *The bottom line:*

- Redmond residents enjoy a variety of parks and open space. 👍
- Public safety data do not yet show long-term trends.
- Graduation rates are up in Redmond. 📈

## *Suggested actions:*

- Focus on maintaining park services as population expands.
- Identify ways to expand fire prevention practices, because they work.

Emphasize **choices** in housing, transportation, stores and services

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no clear trend

**The bottom line:**

- Redmond is meeting its growth targets. 📈
- Employees continue to far outnumber residents, although the gap is not currently widening.
- Housing costs are rising faster than incomes. 📈
- Redmond is home to many sizes of businesses. 📈
- Transit access is good in some neighborhoods, but not all. 📈

**Suggested actions:**

- Complete and promote regulatory updates permitting a variety of housing types.
- Implement alternative transportation solutions that enhance choices for Redmond citizens and that are appropriate to existing and expected neighborhood land-use patterns.

Support vibrant **concentrations** of retail, office, service, residential, and recreational activity in Downtown and Overlake

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no clear trend

**The bottom line:**

- Downtown is growing more robustly than Overlake.
- Relative to the City as a whole, Downtown and Overlake lack open space. 📈
- Employment in Redmond's centers continues to grow strongly. 📈

**Suggested actions:**

- Identify ways to help realize Overlake's long-term vision.
- Complete update to Overlake Neighborhood Plan.
- Identify opportunities for additional open space in Redmond's centers - especially Overlake.

Maintain a strong and diverse economy, and provide a business **climate** that retains and attracts locally owned companies as well as internationally recognized corporations

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**The bottom line:**

- Employment and income growth are outpacing the regional average. 📈
- Residential growth is outpacing the regional average, but is outpaced by employment growth.
- Child poverty rates have ticked-up slightly, but are down since the late 1990s.

**Suggested actions:**

- Build on Redmond's strengths by founding the Eastside Economic Development Committee.

Promote a variety of **community** gathering places and diverse **cultural** opportunities

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***The bottom line:***

- Participation in City-sponsored recreation programs is up. 👍
- Attendance at community-wide events like Derby Days is up. 👍
- The City's efforts to retain historic features are having visible impacts. 👍

***Suggested actions:***

- Build on successes in increasing participation in recreation.
- Seek additional business participation in façade improvement program.

Provide convenient, safe and environmentally friendly transportation **connections** within Redmond, and between Redmond and other communities for people and goods

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***The bottom line:***

- Streets have fewer collisions. 👍
- Transit service is increasing and is attracting more riders. 👍
- Transit efficiency is on the increase. 👍
- Planned transportation improvements are underway or complete. 👍

***Suggested actions:***

- Provide more direct service from Overlake to other urban centers.

Remain a **community** of good neighbors, working together and with others in the region to implement a common vision for Redmond's future

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***The bottom line:***

- More permit reviews are occurring within state-mandated timeframes. 👍
- More people are visiting [www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov). 👍
- Redmond is annexing adjacent unincorporated urban areas. 👍
- Neighborhoods are taking advantage of the Neighborhood Matching Fund. 👍

***Suggested actions:***

- Reduce unmet demand for emergency and transitional housing.
- Encourage neighborhood float entries in the Derby Days Parade.
- Expand online permitting.